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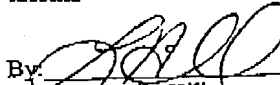
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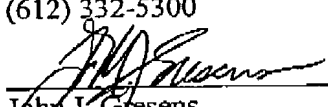
In response to the Office Action mailed January 5, 2004, Applicant provides the following remarks. The Examiner has requested restriction of examination between three groups. Group I comprises claims 1-8, 12, 13, 34-38, drawn to a grout and method of making, apparently classified in class 106, subclass 789. Group II comprises claims 14-23, drawn to an excavation fluid, apparently classified in class 507, subclass 140. Group III comprises claims 24-33, drawn to a method of making a watertight screen, apparently classified in class 166, subclass 285.

Applicant respectfully elects Group I comprising claims 1-8, 12, 13, and 34-38 drawn to a grout and method of making, with traverse. The basis for Applicant's traversal is that the Examiner has not shown how it would unduly burdensome to examine more than one of the groups. Further, Applicant does not wish to be bound to the Examiner's logic in requesting restriction of examination. Favorable consideration of all claims pending herein is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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